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March 21, 2003

BOX AMENDMENT
Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Applicant: KAZAMA, Toshio
Assignee: NHK Spring Co., Ltd.
Title: Electroconductive Contact Unit Assembly
Serial No.: 09/743,536
Examiner: Nguyen, Vinh P. Int'l. App. Filing Date: July 9, 1999
Docket No.: AB-1101 US Group Art Unit: 2829

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
- (3) Response to Office Action (13 pages);
- (4) Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate);
- (5) Terminal Disclaimer (in duplicate).

No additional fee is required.

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| | Claims Remaining <u>After Amendment</u> | | Highest No. <u>Previously Paid For</u> | Present <u>Extra</u> | Rate | Additional Fee |
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| Total Claims | 18 | Minus | 24 | = 0 | x \$18.00 | \$ 0 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | Minus | 3 | = 0 | x \$84.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee of _____ for the first filing of one or more multiple dependent claims per application | | | | | \$ | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer fee under 37 CFR 1.20(d) | | | | | \$ | 110.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition for Extension of Time | | | | | \$ | 410.00 |

Total additional fee for this Amendment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed document(s) after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered, an extension of time is hereby requested. | \$ | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2257 in the amount of | \$ | 520.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Also, charge any additional fees required and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-2257 | \$ | |

Total: \$ 520.00

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2002, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks. A two-month extension of time, extending the period for response to March 21, 2003, is requested in an accompanying petition.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii), Attachment A contains marked up versions of the replacement paragraphs illustrating the newly introduced changes in the specification.

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